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Be Sure and Get In on the Big "Prosperity Edition" of the Democrat, to be Issued Soon.

## An Elopement

Frank Barrows of Galatia, was here Saturday looking for his wife whom it seems has eloped with one Dave Wells, who for some time during the summer and fall worked for Mr. Barrows as engineer with his threshing engine. As near as Mr. Barrows is able to state the parties left Wednesday evening. Mr. Barrows had a slight suspicion that all was not quite right and had discharged Wells and thought he was through with him. But it seems that Wells stayed about that part of the county, and when he found out that Barrows was away from home for the night he persuaded Mrs. Barrows to leave with him, which she did.

Mr. Barrows was not informed of this until about noon Wednesday and after arranging for the care of his three children, Mr. Barrows began to look around for his wife and Wells. The couple were in this city on Wednesday morning, but as no word had been sent here regarding the elopement no attempt was made by the officers to look for them. They have probably gone east.

Barrows says that they have very little money. He also states that he does not want the woman to return and will not permit it. Mrs. Barrows is 27 years of age, tall, slender, light complexion and hair, blue eyes, and would be called good looking. Dave Wells the man she is said to have eloped with, has dark complexion, dark hair, nearly six feet tall and about 29 years old and is a stationary engineer. Wells, we are informed, had not been in this county very long. We were also informed by Mr. Barrows that he and his wife had never had any trouble and no suspicion ever attached to her until lately he thought it best to fire this man Wells who was working for him. The three children that were left are aged 3, 5 and 7 years. Mr. and Mrs. Barrows were married when each were 17 years old and both of them are of excellent families. It is evident that Mr. Barrows intends to prosecute the man at least for taking some of his clothing. Mr. Barrows is offering a reward for their arrest and detention. It is said that Wells was a soldier in the Philippines and is now out on furlough and is due to join his regiment October 29th.

## Bring Your Picture

You cannot afford to be left out of the Democrat's Prosperity Edition, the greatest "booster" Barton county will ever have. We want everyone in this county to be interested. It is for every citizen, and every one will be justly proud of it.

If you have a picture you wish published, bring or send it in.

The Edition is meeting with grand success in every part of the county and we feel no hesitancy in stating that the edition will be the largest ever published in Kansas outside of Topeka and in number of pages will probably exceed even the Topeka Capital's big edition.

The baby's picture should be in the Democrat office before November 10th. Remember it costs nothing to have baby's picture in the big Prosperity Edition.

## Lecture Course

The first number of the High school lecture course will be "The Orphean Musical Club," Monday, October 25th.

This is a male quartet including vocal quartets, orchestra, cartoonist, and impersonation, interspersed with solos. It is designed to please everyone and is high class, a fitting number to open the course of six entertainments.

Season tickets, only \$1.50, single admission to each number will be 50 cents.

Mrs. C. A. Hooper is visiting in Wichita.

Chas. Hotchkiss is enjoying a visit from little Samuel Meyers of Leavenworth.

## Gets Into Trouble

The man Buchanan, who has been a night policeman in the city for some time past, and has narrowly escaped trouble on several occasions recently, was arrested Thursday afternoon on a warrant charging him with obtaining goods under false pretenses. It seems that a short time ago he had gone to the Cyclone store and selected a suit of clothes and merchandise to the amount of something over \$50, and gave a check on one of the local banks in payment. The check was honored by the bank on which it was drawn, and Mr. Born tried to get the man to fix the matter up and make an effort to pay the but he either could not or would not do it, and yesterday afternoon said that he would pay them twenty-five dollars and that he was going to work at the Dailly livery barn. Mr. Born agreed to wait until four o'clock and the money not having been paid at that time, a warrant was issued and the man placed under arrest. There is another charge or two that may be pushed against the man, and the chances are that he will find himself in hot water before he gets through with them.

## Obituary

James Chauncey Gould was born at Holly, N. Y., September 9, 1848. He was married in August, 1873, to Miss Mary F. Osborn, in Florida, Ill. To this union five children were born, four of whom, with the widow, survive him. They are Mrs. Frank Jordan of Aline, Okla., Jessie McKay of Mulberry, Kans., Arthur Gould, Medicine Lodge, Kan., and Helena Gould of this city. Three sisters and a brother survive him. The Goulds moved to Kansas from Ohio in September, 1879. The deceased was a quiet, unassuming man, blessed with many friends and his death is deeply regretted by all who knew him. He was always cheerful in spite of the pain he continually suffered.

## Government Farms For All

A golden opportunity awaits the homeseeker in several sections of the West where large engineering works of the Government are now ready to supply water for irrigation.

The prospective homeseeker will not be compelled to take chances in a lottery, and if he acts with promptness he will find a home on his arrival.

Some of the best opportunities will be found in the project, where the soil, crops, and climate are alike attractive to farmers who are accustomed to the conditions of the upper Mississippi Valley and New England. Although these projects are located in what may be termed new country, the settler will not have to put up with isolation, nor will he be remote from excellent transportation or educational facilities.

So rapid is the development of the irrigated regions that the country has more of a suburban than rural appearance. The farms are 40 to 80 acres, and are so laid out that 8 to 16 farm houses line each mile of the main highways, giving plenty neighbors and creating social conditions which even today are unknown in many older settled sections of the East and Middle West.

The healthfulness and charm of these valleys, the abundant and certain crops, the nearly ideal conditions of social life and the assurance of an independent living should cause a marked decline in the undesirable exodus of our good citizens to Canada. Reclamation Service at Washington, D. C., the bureau that is promoting the works is endeavoring to acquaint the public with the manifold advantages of our irrigated West. Inquiries addressed to the Statistician will receive prompt attention.

Jim McDonald and Will Miller, of the south side and James Clayton were among those who attended the Royal Stock Show in Kansas City this week.

## Prisoners Make Escape

Late Thursday afternoon three prisoners made their escape from the county jail by tearing a portion of the ceiling on the second floor of the building, then going down through the sheriff's office and out on the street. One of the prisoners was young Powelson who was waiting trial on a charge of highway robbery, the others were in for horse stealing and bootlegging. The horse thief was the same who made his escape some time ago, and was recaptured at La Rosse. Up to a late hour Thursday evening nothing had been heard of the escaped men. Sheriff Dailey and several of his deputies are searching for them.

## Commissioners' Proceedings

State of Kansas  
County of Barton

Office of County Clerk,  
Oct. 12th, 1909.

The Commissioners of Barton County met pursuant to adjourned session.

Present, Frank Wood, Commissioner acted as Chairman. Jas. W. Clarke, County Atty., M. Daily, Sheriff and C. F. Younklin County Clerk. The records and proceedings of the county Treasurer and County Clerk were duly checked and found to balance. Balance on hands by the County Treasurer on Oct. 12th 1909 as shown by the report was \$31,630.27.

The Bond as required of the County Treasurer by law, J. W. Soderstrom, Treasurer elect was duly approved and J. W. Soderstrom took the oath of office and was duly installed as county treasurer of Barton County at 12 o'clock, A. M. 1909.

The following resolutions were drawn, adopted, signed and placed on the records of the Commissioners of the County.

Whereas: On the 12th day of October, 1909, the term of Frank Millard as County Treasurer of Barton County, Kansas, has expired, and Whereas:

Said Frank Millard, Treasurer, and F. B. Millard, Deputy County Treasurer, during their term of office, have merited them selves as being careful and painstaking officials, courteous to the public, faithful in the discharge of their duties and trustworthy in their keeping of the funds intrusted to their care.

Now Therefore, Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of said Barton County in regular session assembled, that we extend the thanks of this Board, and of the people in general to the said Frank Millard and F. B. Millard for the faithful performance of their official duties, for the careful and painstaking work, the watchful care of the funds intrusted to their keeping and for the prompt and faithful accounting for the delivery of the trust reposed in them.

And We, The Board, cheerfully recommend the said Frank Millard and F. B. Millard as careful and trustworthy persons, honest and faithful in the performance of their duties and extend to them our best wishes for their future success.

And Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be made of record of these our Commissioners' Proceedings.

(Frank Wood,  
(P. E. Murphy  
(N. W. Klepper

Commissioners.

C. F. Younklin, County Clerk.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet again at the next regular session in November.

Frank Wood, Chairman.  
C. F. Younklin, County Clerk.

Julius Reif and Nic Courage were over from the north side on Wednesday visiting and looking after business matters.

Frank and Ed Merten and Henry Campbell, three of the progressive farmers of the Heizer neighborhood, were in K. C. this week attending the big stock show.

## To Start a Paper at Hudson

Our neighboring town of Hudson is soon to have a newspaper. B. H. Albertson has ordered his outfit and expects to begin the publication of a paper up there as soon as the material arrives, which will be a week or two yet. A room has been rented and all preparations made. Hudson has needed a paper for a long time. Her business men are right up-to-date and the town is big enough to support a paper. We understand that a good subscription list has been guaranteed and all secured. We wish the new venture most of the list has been secured. We wish the new venture most of the list has been secured.

## Jury List

For November Term, A. D. '09  
H. C. Talbott Great Bend, Great Bend, Kansas.

John Denker, Ellinwood, Ellinwood, Kans.

Anton Popishel, Grant, Olmitz, Kas. Rt. 1.

Jacob Dethempe, Lakin, Ellinwood, Kans.

W. E. Field, Hoisington, Hoisington, Kansas.

A. J. Barrows, Lakin, Ellinwood, Kansas.

O. A. Brown, Comanche, Great Bend, Kans., Rt. 2.

Boor Gerhart, Cheyenne, Claflin, Kas.

John Christoph, Ellinwood, Ellinwood, Kansas.

Ed Bradshaw, Albion, Hoisington, Kas.

M. Hoffman, Grant, Galatia, Kansas.

John Hester, Fairview, Galatia, Kas.

Lou Dellett, Walnut, Albert, Kas.

Henry Orth, Independent, Claflin, Kas.

Frank Bechtel, Hoisington, Hoisington, Kas.

W. A. Howard, Ellinwood, Ellinwood, Kas.

William Korf, Hoisington, Hoisington, Kas.

A. L. Fish, Lakin, Ellinwood, Kas.

Joseph Hartman, Cheyenne, Claflin, Kans.

Henry C. Schultz, Pawnee Rock, Pawnee Rock, Kans.

Gus Fenn Buffalo, Heizer, Kans.

John Kemp, Lakin, Ellinwood, Kans.

J. K. P. Sloniger, Great Bend, Great Bend, Kans.

F. L. Marsh, Great Bend, Great Bend, Kans.

J. L. Siegendollar, Hoisington, Hoisington, Kas.

Alfred Eveleigh, Albion, Boyd, Kas.

F. W. Ludwig, Ellinwood, Ellinwood, Kansas.

B. F. Butler, Walnut, Albert, Kas.

Fred Truex, Lakin, Ellinwood, Kans.

Joel Miller, Independent, Claflin, Kans.

W. J. Murphy, Great Bend, Gt. Bend, Kans.

John Finn, Wheatland, Hoisington, Kans.

A. Auchstetter, Ellinwood, Ellinwood, Kans.

W. W. Boyle, Albion, Olmitz, Kas.

Peter Klepper, Lakin, Ellinwood, Kans.

**Municipal Ownership Growing**

There are 137 cities and towns of Kansas which have water works plants, and of this number 118 own and operate their own plants, and nineteen have plants owned by private corporations or firms. The privately owned water plant is fast disappearing in Kansas, and nearly every one of the towns which now does not own its own plant is talking of voting bonds to purchase the present equipment or to buy and build a new plant. Practically every city or town that is considering the building of a water works system is not dicker with any corporation for a franchise, but is going ahead with an issue of bonds to build and equip a plant of its own.

Mrs. S. B. Gano returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Virginia. Her daughter, Miss Maude stopped off in Kansas City and Lawrence for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carr of the south side have gone to Springfield for a visit with relatives and friends.

## Commissioners Proceedings

Barton County  
State of Kansas

Office of County Clerk  
Oct. 4, '09.

The commissioners of Barton county met in regular session in the office of the county clerk, Monday Oct. 4, 1909. Present P. E. Murphy, and Frank Wood Commissioners, James W. Clarke, County Atty., M. Daily, Sheriff and C. F. Younklin, County Clerk.

N. W. Klepper being absent, P. E. Murphy was elected Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were duly approved and allowed:

W. F. Honnen mdec. for the poor.....\$25.74  
Edward Ople salary, expense and supplies \$30.25  
Saml. Dodsworth Book Company supplies 45.00  
Mrs. E. Q. Sutton care of Paired children 16.00  
Tribune Pub. House job work.....31.75  
Helen Minnis associate examiner.....24.00  
J. E. DeMonte janitor for September 23.50  
Frank Millard salary as County Treas. 304.00  
H. A. Hall fee bill estate of Joseph Ames Dyer.....6.00  
W. H. Warner meat for Mrs. Barnett.....3.75  
Copple & Mattox cleaning cess pool.....26.00  
C. A. Miller hauling and cleaning cess-pool 3.00  
C. Samuels Co. mdec. ....15.51  
A. A. Newcombe salary as County Sur'or.....58.00  
S. A. Newcombe coal for park hse.....5.50  
F. L. Mc Auley salary as County Physician 31.50  
Great Bend Tel. Co. telephone rent.....11.25  
J. Edith Harris salary as Deputy County Clerk.....100.00  
Fred Richardson Plumbing Jail and Court House.....9.00  
McNown & Hays Meat for P. E. Noe 12.30  
M. W. Welch Mfg. Co. supplies for County Superintendent.....70.75  
Emma Kizer care of Paired children 17.00  
C. F. Younklin salary as County Clerk for third quarter.....300.00  
Morrison Brothers clothing for the poor at Hoisington.....12.30  
Joseph Springer Trustee officer.....10.30  
Trade Printing Co. County supplies.....39.45  
G. C. Wheeler expense with County Seed plants.....4.95  
H. A. Hall fee bill estate of Gottfried Beger 4.80  
McNown & Hays meat for Mrs. Barnett 4.70  
Marx & Bernscheld mdec for T. J. Connally.....32.98  
H. A. Hall fee bill in case of T. J. Connally 6.45  
R. H. Meade Juror in case of T. J. Connally 5.00  
M. F. Russell Juror in case of T. J. Connally 5.00  
M. Daily Sheriff fees in case of T. J. Connally 3.00  
M. Daily drawing Jury.....2.00  
J. H. Jenkinson drawing Jury.....2.00  
James Clayton drawing Jury.....2.00  
Frank B. Millard salary as Deputy County Treasurer.....150.00  
James W. Clarke salary and Postage Co. Attorneys.....310.48  
W. P. Feder printing.....6.50  
M. Daily Sheriff.....132.25  
M. Daily Sheriff voucher of monthly commitments and board of prisoners.....307.25  
W. D. Pass balance on contract for sidewalk.....123.81  
M. F. Russell Co. health officer for 3rd quarter.....50.00  
Frank Wood Commissioner for 3rd quarter.....26.10  
P. E. Murphy Commissioner for 3rd quarter.....40.90  
N. W. Klepper Commissioner for 3rd quarter.....32.50  
R. H. Murphy transportation of Commissioners to view the bridges washed out in Logan.....6.00  
Channell Chemical Co. fifteen gallons disinfectants.....37.25  
Jesse Hood Coyote scalp.....1.00  
L. P. Kern auto livery for commissioners to view bridges in Grant Twp.....10.00  
M. Daily attending Com. Meeting and livery.....14.00  
Total.....\$2966.00

W. B. Bott, Trustee of Fairview township, filed his resignation as trustee. His resignation was accepted and Geo. C. Barrows was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The following persons were appointed Truant Officers by County Supt. Ople and duly approved by the Board of Commissioners.

G. W. Thatcher, Great Bend, Kansas, for all rural and third class cities except Hoisington and Ellinwood.

S. S. Shattuck, Hoisington, Kansas for Hoisington schools.

Joe Sprinker, Ellinwood, Kansas for the Ellinwood schools.

All back taxes on lot 15 block 126 Great Bend, Kansas, known as the G. A. R. property is hereby cancelled. The same being property exempt by law.

A refund of \$12.10 as 1908 taxes and penalty on lot 7 to 12, block 2, Claflin, Kansas, the same being exempt from taxation as being Church property.

The Quarterly reports of the county officials as filed with the county clerk were duly approved.

Quarterly Reports for 3rd Quarter.

County Clerk

Fees collected June 30 to Sept. 30.....\$20.75

Fees collected, June 30 to Sept. 30.....\$21.65

Fees uncollected.....97.60

Total.....\$140.30

District Clerk

Fees collected, June 30 to Sept. 30.....\$21.65

Fees uncollected.....97.60

Total.....\$140.30

Register of Deeds

Fees collected, June 30 to Sept. 30.....\$20.00

Fees uncollected June 30 to Sept. 30.....7.50

Total.....\$27.50

## Hoisington and the Kansas Northwestern

O. W. Dawson, Dr. Morrison and G. N. Moses held a meeting in Hoisington one day last week in the interests of the Kansas Northwestern. A goodly number of Hoisington business men were present. A committee of M. C. Elmore, T. C. Morrison and H. E. Millard was appointed to further look into the proposition.

Speaking of the project, the Hoisington Dispatch says:

"The people of Hoisington generally have not had much confidence in the construction of the road, thinking it possibly one of the many wildcat schemes of the past few years, but when such men as O. W. Dawson, Dr. Morrison and G. N. Moses talk of its construction as they did yesterday, the proposition presents a different aspect. We feel sure that if the company means business they will promptly receive the good will and support of Hoisington."

Rt. Rev. Bishop Hennessey, of Wichita, appointed Rev. Fr. Hall, of this parish, and Rev. Fr. Hieman, of Odin, school inspectors for the Catholic parochial schools in western Kansas. Fr. Hall left Tuesday evening for Odin, where he joined Fr. Hieman, and from there they went to Liebenenthal and other points. Father Hall will be absent during the month, except on Sundays, when he will be home for the usual services.—Kinsley Graphic.

Maybe our agent will miss you in making the rounds of Barton County. If he should, don't be missed. Call at the Democrat office and get in the Prosperity Edition. It's for all.

Probate Judge

Fees collected, June 30 to Sept. 30.....\$208.10

Fees uncollected June 30 to Sept. 30.....1.00

Total.....\$209.10

County Attorney

Fees collected, June 30 to Sept. 30.....\$48.80

Fees uncollected June 30 to Sept. 30.....1.00

Total.....\$49.80

Sheriff

Fees collected, June 30 to Sept. 30.....\$21.40

Fees uncollected June 30 to Sept. 30.....1.00

Total.....\$22.40

County Superintendent.

No financial report.

County Treasurer

No financial report.

Financial report for the third quarter.

Receipts

Balance on hand June 30, 1909.....\$2,145.65

Current tax.....2,600.00

Individual redemption.....2,69.67

County depository interest.....250.00

Poor Farm.....310.00

Delinquent personal tax.....\$27.72

Fines in J. P. Court.....83.55

St. to Treasurer.....2,654.38

Normal Institute fund.....321.10

Tax sale certificate and fees.....94.15

Penalties.....121.81

Total.....\$9,928.12

Disbursements.

County warrants.....\$5,766.81

School District General.....5,385.68

School District State and County.....3,764.75

Township general.....1,446.82

City general.....1,827.39

Tax refunded.....20.52

Normal Institute.....247.60

Fiscal agency.....2,190.00

State Treasurer.....2,670.00

School land principal.....32.00

School land interest.....269.00

Township bonds and coupons.....135.00

Expense and fee account.....5.60

High School.....1,804.69

Total.....\$24,927.16

Receipts.....\$9,928.12

Disbursements.....\$9,928.12

Balance on hand Sept. 30.....\$5,255.56

Contracts were signed between the board of county commissioners and the Illinois Steel Bridge Company of Kansas City, for the construction and repair of the following bridges.

A steel bridge 18 ft. by 70 ft. across Cow Creek between sections 14 and 15 Logan Twp. Also a steel bridge 16 by 40 ft. across Blood Creek between sections 23 and 24, Grant Twp. Said bridges to be repaired according to specifications on file in the county clerk's office. The said bridges to be completed for the public traffic on or before Nov. 15, 1909.

There being nothing further, the commissioners adjourned to meet again Tuesday Oct. 12, '09.

P. E. MURPHY, Chrmn Br'd.  
C. F. YOUNKIN, County Clerk.